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Dear Dr. Munz:-

I received your note this AM and, as it is the second one that is unanswered, I think it is about time that I got busy with the typewriter. Say do you know that you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read of Lillians and McKenna; it certainly was a surprised for I didnt dream they were that bad off. Well I guess they ought to hit it off pretty good for certainly they have similar interests. I intend to write them the first of next week. Day before yesterday I got an announcement from the Streets giving me their address. I am glad to hear that Gladys hasnt succumbed to homesickness but I wonder if she is as gullible as ever. By the way do you know her's and Genevieve's address ? I got a letter the other day from that Miss Grant who is working on Mimulus at the Mo.Bot.Garden requesting that I send her more material of my #1562 and 1486 that I collected on Baldy. She says it is an undescribed thing and so if you have any in the local collection besure and send it. I have not been over to Frisco this week but I intend to go over to the Cal. Academy the first of next week and while over there I will get those books I wrote you about. I looked up the volumes, you said were lacking at Pomona, and I find that they contain some good stuff and I will do my best to get them for you. I suppose you have heard by now that that the Parishes are to move up here to Berkeley the first of the year. I was hoping that he would turn his collections over to Pomona but I see that he has sent them up to the University. His library is a different thing but I hope it stays down South at Pomona for certainly he wont need it up here nor does the department need any of his books. He may sell it tho! I hate to see him leave the southern part of the state for with him goes the last of the old resident collectors and the last botanist who is held in any respect up here. It makes me feel all the more strongly that Pomona has to get busy and take the lead, botanically speaking, in Southern California. I am glad to hear that you are acquainted with Moxley and that you have landed that set of exsiccata he proposes to issue for certainly every little bit helps. Davidson and I have been having quite a correspondence; he is fooling around with the lupines again and proposes to make a lot more species. He got the dope, however, on my L.elatus and is right in refering it as a form of L.inyoensis Heller. Elatus however differs from inyoensis in its pubescence and relative length of leaf petiole and blade and certainly is a good Rydbergian species but I am uncertain whether to retain it even as a variety on geographical grounds. I handed Davidson some of his own medicine, in return, however, for I proved to him that his L.subhirsutus of the last Bul.Cal.Acad. was nothing but typical L.arizonicus. Systematic botany is a great game. In looking over that list that you sent that man in New York I noticed that you had accepted Macbrides opinion regarding the status of Nemophila. I never expect to see as much indignation shown over a nomenclatural shift as was aroused up here by the shift from Nemophila to Viticella. Miss Eastwood says that Macbride is wrong to start with and that the type of Viticella is very uncertain. Most of the men seem to think that the "fifty year rule" ought to be invoked to save such well established names as Nemophila. Dr.Abrams, whom I met at Stanford a couple of weeks ago, says that such a rule is to be inserted in the compromise code of nomenclature now being worked out in the East. I certainly am glad to hear that all is going well at the College now and I certainly hope you get the help that you need in the department. I like the style of your new stamp. I hope to get home on my Xmas vacation early in the week of December 14th and will remain till about January 10th which is nearly a month. Believe me I surely will be over at the Herbarium all my spare time for I certainly feel an interest in it and very much at home there. I hope it rains before I get home for I want to do some fungus and lichen collecting. I have those lists of Gasteromycetes and polypores that I want to make as complete as possible. I am also going to spend some of my time trying find hypogeous fungi for I feel that there are some wonderful records waiting for the "man with the hoe" ! I suppose you have see the Britton and Rose' cactus volume that has just appeared in the Carneige Institution publications. I am

rather sceptical as to the workability of their treatment of our coastal opuntias and next spring, among a hundred and one other things, I am going to give the volume a thorough test in the wash. My revision of Plagiobothrys is completed and I am at present writing up my notes. I want to work over the Pomona material when I am home over the holidays. I have studied all the collections in the U.C., Cal. Academy and at Stanford University but I still want to see more material. I have saveral separates of that wonterful paper of mine that I have set aside for you and the department and will give them to you personally in December. Well I see that I have written quite a long and rather solid letter so I guess I will close.

Very sincerely yours,

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